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In re Patent Application of

Emilio Ramon GOITLANDIA

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Serial No.: 09/864,512

Group Art Unit: 3643

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 114, of the above-identified application.

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____ If checked, please enter and consider the Amendment previously filed on
_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

X If checked, an Amendment and/or Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) and/or IDS are enclosed.

 If checked, please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief and Reply Brief previously submitted.

 If checked, suspension of action is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (3 maximum).

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2003, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

 X If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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AMENDMENTS

1. X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

 If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

There are no amendments to the specification.

3. Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 4 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

 If checked, the optional complete set of “clean” claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.